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## 550 People Registered for Anti-Gang Summit

The U.S. Attorney's Office in cooperation with several local and state partners is sponsoring an Anti-Gang Summit for southeastern Wisconsin. The conference will be held on November 18th and November 19th at the Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center located at 4747 S. Howell Ave. The conference theme is "Working Together to Prevent Violence in our Communities."

Over 550 people are registered to attend this training conference. Unfortunately, due to limited space we were forced to place another 100 people on a waiting list. The audience includes: law enforcement officers, Department of Corrections employees, school district personnel, probation and parole agents, local government officials, prosecutors, Safe and Sound employees, Boys and Girls Clubs representatives, social service agencies, and many others.

The conference will be comprised of three plenary sessions and thirty-two individual workshops. Some of the topics include: Why Are Gangs an Issue; Why Are Gangs Attractive to Young People; Strategies to Address Gang Crime; Gangs in Southeastern Wisconsin; Restorative Justice Practices with Gangs; the Importance of Information Sharing among Law Enforcement Agencies; Community Re-entry Programs; Federal Firearms Laws and Building a Gang Conspiracy Investigation; the Impact of Intelligence Led Policing on Eradicating Gang Violence; Gang Prevention Programs / Strategies for Early Intervention; Gangs and the Internet / Technology and New Trends; Challenges Facing American Schools in the Near Future; the Role of the Faith Community in Helping to Prevent Gang Violence; Innovative Gang Enforcement Programs; Changing Issues in Gangs; Innovation Programs for at Risk Youth; Patrol Officer Strategies for Dealing with Gang Members and Interviewing Techniques; Gang Diversion Programs; and many more.

Chief Edward Flynn will address the conference during the lunch hour on November 18, and Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen will address the conference on November 19. For additional information, please refer to the attached agenda.

This is one of many free training programs sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office. In 2009, over 3,000 people attended 32 separate training programs. These programs are provided at no cost to law enforcement and other agencies.

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